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IN THE SUMMARY:

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Summary

Piston Pump for Thick Materials

In a multi cylinder thick materials pump [[(1)]] for feeding concrete in particular, whose at least two feeding cylinders (3,5) feed the thick material from a pre filling container [[(7)]] into a feed line, having a shift valve [[(9)]] for alternatively connecting the feeding cylinders with the feed line associated with it, the shift valve [[(9)]] according to the invention comprising at least two valve bodies (15,17), movable in a substantially translatoric manner, each comprising a straight transfer section (15L,17L), connectable in a transfer position downstream of the supply cylinder to a collector tube [[(19)]], for connecting the respectively associated supply cylinder (3,5) with the feed line.

A process for operating this thick material pump for continuous feed operation is also described.